

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1467 - HB 904

March 23, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the Lifeline/Link-Up Services Act to enable eligible low-income persons to have access to a reduced charge local telephone service. The Department of Human Services would notify telephone service providers of the eligible persons every six months and the provider must notify customers who are eligible of the service availability. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority is responsible for setting rates for the service. Also limits the liability of certain providers when releasing information about customers for enhanced 911 service.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$89,230 Recurring
\$43,000 One-Time

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - \$99,450 Recurring
\$73,300 One-Time

Estimate assumes:

- a need for five eligibility counselor positions and related expenses in the Department of Human Services to verify phone service status for every enrollee in TANF, food stamps and Medicaid.
- one-time cost for computer systems to produce a file of eligible persons for the TRA.
- one position and related expenses in the TRA to deal with the expansion of the program from 30,000 participants to an estimated 240,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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